

a part of our island family and he ensured that GTA TeleGuam employees gave back to our community through public service. GTA TeleGuam participated in many community causes such as the Relay for Life, Strides for a Cure, the American Cancer Society, the Make-a-Wish Foundation, the United Service Organization (USO), the American Red Cross, the UOG Endowment Foundation, the Salvation Army, Habitat for Humanity, the Guam Special Olympics, the Guam Humanities Council, and many other events supporting non-profits on Guam.

The people of Guam will miss a community leader, businessman, and friend. The continuing success of GTA TeleGuam will always be a reminder of Dan's leadership and vision. I wish Dan, his wife Jane, and his family the very best on their departure from Guam, and I join the people of Guam in commending him for his service to our community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2011

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, I was not able to be present for the following rollcall votes on October 25, 2011 and would like the record to reflect that I would have voted as follows:

Rollcall No. 803: "no."

Rollcall No. 804: "yes."

HONORING 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF HUMPHREY JOB CORPS CENTER

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2011

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the Hubert H. Humphrey Jobs Corps Center in Saint Paul, Minnesota, and to honor the students, staff and volunteers who make the Center a success.

Job Corps provides hope and the opportunity to create a better life for thousands of young Americans every year, through career technical and academic training. Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey was one of the early architects of Job Corps, and it is a fitting tribute to his leadership that Minnesota's Job Corps Center continues to proudly bear his name 30 years after the first students walked through the doors on July 15th, 1981.

The Humphrey Job Corps Center gets results. By 1985, the Center's job-placement rate reached 90%, and in 1986 the Center became one of the first Job Corps Centers in the nation to be accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

Humphrey Job Corps continues to grow and innovate. Today it serves between three-hundred to four-hundred students each year, offering training in subjects ranging from business technology to medical office support, to drivers education. Recently, the Center has embraced innovations in the Green Sector. All

students entering advanced manufacturing, automotive, and construction fields receive training in renewable and sustainable practices. Earlier this year, it was an honor to participate in the ribbon cutting of the official opening of the new Technology Trades Building and the Single Mothers' Dorm.

Not only does Humphrey Job Corps give students the practical skills they need to succeed professionally, it has helped build and connect communities. Humphrey Job Corps students regularly volunteer their time and energy to serve their neighbors in crisis nurseries; and organizations such as Toys for Tots; the Special Olympics; and the Veterans Rest Camp in Hugo, Minnesota.

Students' services are not limited to their neighborhood, or even their state. Humphrey Job Corps students have partnered with communities across the upper Midwest to assist in times of need. They have traveled to Grand Forks, North Dakota; Rushford, Minnesota; Saint Peter, Minnesota; and Fargo, North Dakota to help communities heal after recent natural disasters. Today, Humphrey Job Corps students give more than 5,000 volunteer hours each year.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to submit this statement for the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD in honor of the 30th anniversary of the Hubert Horatio Humphrey Job Corps Center and all the students, staff and volunteers.

RECOGNIZING OCTOBER AS FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2011

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, October is Filipino American History month, a month dedicated to honoring the achievements of a people that have contributed significantly to American history and culture. Filipino Americans have had a long and important presence in the United States and have played a substantial role in shaping the current American landscape.

During Filipino American History month, we pay tribute to Filipino culture and customs and as we honor Filipino traditions and heritage. Filipino Americans continue to contribute to American society and are leaders in all aspects of American life, serving as lawyers, doctors, artists, writers, elected officials, teachers, and members of the armed forces. Filipino Americans reside in nearly every Congressional district in the United States, continuing to enrich our culture bringing new ideas and innovation to our nation.

As a member of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, I am proud to represent one of the largest Filipino communities in the United States. Relations between the United States and the countries of the Pacific Rim are extremely important and this is why only a few short months ago, I introduced H. Res. 275, my annual resolution honoring the anniversary of the independence of the Philippines. This resolution reaffirms the bonds of friendship and cooperation which exist be-

tween the United States and the Philippines as well as a strong commitment to strengthening these bonds. In addition, H. Res. 275 seeks to increase public awareness of the vibrant and beautiful culture of the Philippines and support the continuing development of the Filipino American community as an integral part of America's cultural fabric.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor and privilege to represent the people of the 37th Congressional District of California, which is one of the most ethnically, culturally, and racially diverse congressional districts in the country. This is especially true of Carson, one of the major cities in the 37th congressional district. Southern California, which includes Carson, is home to one of the largest Filipino American populations in the country and is considered a preferred destination for Filipinos looking to start a new life in our country.

As we celebrate Filipino American History Month, I am proud to announce that the City of Carson will be receiving a special monument of Dr. Jose P. Rizal, a decorated Filipino national hero. The Dr. Jose Rizal Monument Movement (JPRMM) Inc., has offered to donate the monument to Carson for placement in the City's International Sculpture Garden.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Jose Rizal was a proponent of democracy and peaceful reforms during the Spanish colonization of the Philippines in the 1800s. He advocated for liberty through peaceful means rather than by violent revolution and was considered by Mohandas Gandhi as a forerunner in the cause for freedom.

Dr. Rizal was executed by the Spanish on December 30, 1896, a date which is marked annually as "Rizal Day," a Filipino national holiday. After his execution, Dr. Rizal became a martyr in the fight for Filipino independence and his commitment to nonviolent reform served as inspiration for the Filipino people and many others around the world.

Mr. Speaker, the benefits that the Dr. Jose P. Rizal monument will bring to my district and the city of Carson especially are substantial. The monument will chronicle the rich history and significant contributions made by Filipino Americans to the City of Carson, the state of California, and the United States as well as promote the diversity and interests of Carson residents comprising of various nationalities, races and ethnicities.

In addition, the Rizal monument will remind Filipino Americans of the democratic underpinnings of the Filipino heritage and encourage Filipinos from all over California, as well as the United States to visit Carson to pay homage to the national hero.

I applaud the efforts of Carson for according a place of honor to Dr. Jose Rizal. He continues to be recognized globally for his efforts to bring freedom, liberation and justice through peaceful means to all peoples. His leadership, patriotism, and dedication to his country should serve as inspiration to us all.

Mr. Speaker, during Filipino American History Month I encourage all Americans to take time to recognize the contributions of Dr. Jose Rizal as well as the achievements of Filipino Americans that have helped to make our country better. The best way to honor Filipino American History Month is to continue to cherish and preserve the ethnic and cultural diversity that strengthens this nation.